

# --- AMA - CHEWER ---

MONTHLY PAPER OF THE INDIANAPOLIS RADIO CLUB INC.

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Meetings are held at the Servicemen's Center at 111 N. Capitol Ave. on the 4th floor. Tuesday evenings at 8:00 PM.

July 10th Business meeting of the club.

July 15th Picnic of the Indiana Radio Club Council at the Mounds State Park near Anderson. Bring the family and a basket of food and really get acquainted with the other hams. Time- 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM ODT. There will be games, entertainment and Prizes.

July 17th A program to take the place of a CAA trip will be presented at the club room.

July 24th Naval film "Crossroads". This of the Bikini Atomic Bomb tests.

July 31st To be announced.

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## PARENTS

Rather belated we announce that Bert Bucy's son Charles has a son which of course makes Bert Bucy a Grandpa. Bert says that Chuck is proud of the 6 month baby and further that he, Chuck, is becoming interested in ham radio. Bert by the way is back in Indianapolis to dispose of his house and his BC'610 transmitter.

## LAST CALL

We sadly record the death of W9VXR, H. E. Giltner who passed away at his home this past month. Gil, many will recall, gave the talks on converting the 522 2 meter jobs while the gang was meeting at Clark's hall above the drugstore in Brightwood.

## SICK LIST

Ye ed called Charles Campbell, W9UEM the other day and only then learned that Charley has been off work with a crushed disk in his back for the last three weeks. He reports that he is doing better now but will have to take it easy for a while. Ye ed took the opportunity to ask him to write up doings of the gang while he has time on his hands. Each issue ye ed makes the same plea without much success and if it wasn't for a certain individual who regularly sends in dope this, your own paper, would be a really dried up flop. Why not help make it truly YOUR paper by getting items of interest to ye editor. Thank you.



## I R C C PICNIC

Just another reminder that the Indiana Radio Club Council will hold its annual Ham Picnic at the Mounds State Park just East of Anderson on Road 32 or 67 on Sunday July 15th. Family style dinners to be spread on the table at 12:15, the picnic registration to open at 11:00 AM and programing, games, and awarding of prizes to go on until 4:00 PM. All times Central Daylight Savings Time. Let's all be up there and get acquainted with each other.

Details of the picnic have been worked out by the Muncie Radio Club with helpers from other cities pitching in. Martinsville Radio Club took over the job of sending out cards to all Ind. hams. (See what a little cooperation can accomplish.)

By the way they would like to have a 10 meter fixed station in operation on the grounds so if you can supply same let it be known on the Ind. phone net.

## REPORTING

The following has been turned into ye editor by members of the club and others. Your comments in like vein are requested.

Henry Harney, W9FY enjoyed two weeks vacation from his work during the middle of June and took down his ten meter beam and with a grid-dipper and a field strength meter borrowed from a neighbor ham, got it all repaired, tuned up, painted and back on the windmill tower in his back yard. It is ready for a lot of activity again on ten meters. Hank also works 40 CW occasionally.

Clarence Pence, our club treasurer, reports he now has a '50 Ford car. Such a situation might warrant an outburst of investigating by some of the same club members who jokingly put on the spot a previous club treasurer when he made an expensive purchase. So better watch out, Clarence. Clarence says that Marchino may have owned a good car before he did, but that he will be the one to have a licensed mobile transmitter in his car before Elmer has one in his car. (This feud never seems to enter the final, decisive round - so how about it you two fellows, let's settle down and find out who is the best man, then we can collect or pay off all bets that have been made on the outcome.) (Ed. note - A gust of hot wind did considerable damage in Kokomo this past week, wonder if there is any connection?)

W9EON, Glenn Leffingwell is working on aircraft radio installations at Weir Cook air port. He recently talked Howard Severeid, W9DPL, out of the cabinet, panel and all panel meters that Howard had on his Meissner 150-B transmitter, and Glenn plans on building up a kilowatt super-modulation type rig in the cabinet.

Note to any of you fellows whose XYL, YL or relatives or neighbors do not approve too well of your ham interests and activities. New York City's Mayor Vincent Impellitteri was a radio operator in the Navy not too long ago. Then too, Arthur Godfrey started his career in radio (he now has ten million bucks in annual billings) as a radio operator. So maybe you can convince some of the doubters or critics of your future being assured, by quoting the two above examples. Hi.

The Indianapolis gang of the U S Naval Reserve left Sunday night the 17th of June for two weeks cruise or land duty on the north side of Chicago. Among those in the contingent we find the name of W9JAY, Dick



Mays listed.

W9DPL reports handling 4 messages for a ham station in Fort Knox Ky. and a couple of days later he got a letter from a Lt. Colonel there thanking him for a nice demonstration of ham radio in taking the 4 messages from there, filed by Indianapolis persons, and delivering them pronto in Indianapolis.

Several QSL cards have been brought to club at the downtown Service Men's Center and been posted on the wall as was suggested in a recent copy of AMACHEWER. Here is hoping that everyone will bring along his card for this purpose. WE'll soon have a good local directory available there. Bring one from your neighboring ham or from any ham who'll submit his. In case he can't attend and bring the card personally it can be mailed to the club secretary whose address is always listed in Ama-Chewer. (See club officers.)

D. J. Angus, W9CYQ has been spending quite a bit of time on his Yacht on Lake Michigan and has made several trips with Indianapolis Groups as his guests. Recently the Scien-Teck club went for a cruise and radio communications with the folks back home in Indiana were maintained by Ray Forbes, W9HNS, and by Harry Butler, W9OVF.

Ernie Craven, W9KBX, recently moved to Spencer, Indiana where he is doing the same sort of work that kept him quite QRL here in Indpls. He maintains quite consistent contact with our city via 80 meter CW using a command set emitter down there.

This I. D. E. A. company here in town is evidently out to take honors away from the Esterline-Angus Company in respect to being one of the smaller factories which employs the most hams, but the gang at E-A say that they are grooming a fellow named Horace Weekley to take the exam and will not be outdone by the other crowd. How about that, I D E A ? ? ?

Howard Severeid, W9DPL, Says he just got his hands on another RME-DB-22A unit to use ahead of his HQ-129-X receiver. Howard reports having torn apart his Meissner 150-B 300 watt fone-cw all band rig and is rebuilding. So far he has the low-power stages on the air. This consists of a Meissner signal shifter and Millen exciter combination for 6 bands, built into a Bud relay rack cabinet. Howard says he has 8 panel meters associated with the circuits of the Millen exciter and just wait until he gets the 813 final and 811 modulator sections going. He intends to have some 14 or 15 panel meters on that final combination. (He won't be able to see the transmitter on account of meters - Hi.)

Irwin, W9HTX, reports he has his BC-610 unit on the air occasionally using an indoor antenna in the basement. (Sounds like this story about under-ground antennas may have some truth to it, huh?)

Charlie Reynolds, W9ATE, who works at Naval Ordnance is busy rebuilding into a six foot Bud enclosed relay rack cabinet and the spy who reports seeing the rig while not quite finished says Charley has a nice job about done.

The next 500 mile race is almost a year away, but now is the time to make a mental note about extending a helping and welcoming hand to the many touring visitors who arrive in our town for the race, with mobile rigs in their cars. Quite a few were here this year, and in years past. Maybe an announcement in CQ and QST prior to the race date, that



mobile hams visiting Indpls for the race will find help in a variety of ways by contacting the local ten meter crowd on the air while approaching town and after arrival here.

Earl Springer, W9HTB, is one of our busiest club members, but maybe the program committee can still prevail upon him to drop in some Tuesday night and give an account of some of his experiences and observations on his recent flight to England and the continent of Europe. A couple of members have some questions to ask about some of the places where they were stationed a few years back. This while they were on Uncle Sam's payroll.

Chick Richardson, W9HKZ, at last reports was still in Windfall in a hospital there with a heart condition. We hope he is improving and if any one has any more recent news please forward same for publication. Good luck Chick.

How about devoting a part of a page of each issue of Ama-Chewer for a sort of free clearing-house of stuff for trade or sale and for listing articles wanted or needed, by local ham operators. Allow a fellow not over two lines plus name and call and telephone number, only one listing each 3 months maybe. Every ham is by nature half-scientist and half-horsetrader, so such a feature in Ama-Chewer should be very popular. (Ed. and in the meantime remember that you can list your saleable equipment at the low rate of 3 lines for 25¢.)

We presume most of you read the syndicated story in the local newspapers about the marriage of YL operator W5NXH to OM W9GQQ, she being from Laredo, Texas and he from South Bend, Ind. Another recent report from Tuscon, Arizona reports that a man named George Hood and his 13 year old daughter took the ham license examination at the same time - you guessed it- she is now licensed while he is going to try it again in thirty days. Another newspaper story tells of how Cliff McGuyers of Evansville, Ind. was in a hurry to make vacation plans, a trip to Ottawa, Ontario being planned. He contacted a ham there and requested said ham to have Ottawa travel bureau send him literature, and he received a prompt reply. The Evansville Ham's call is W9DGS according to local W9EVR who recently moved here from Evansville. Another Indianapolis newspaper ran a nice story with picture of W9GQC, Dr. Lester Hoyt, staff member at Methodist Hospital, showing a group of visitors how the "Technocon" works in preparing surgical specimens for microscopic studies there. Our own club has had some nice newspaper publicity recently with pictures too. These concerned civilian defense activities and about programs that had been given at club. The fellows who attend club are rewarded by knowing they are participating in an activity that benefits all of us who are licensed.

Five notes that should be on every operators table right now are:

1. The FCC has requested amateurs East of the Mississippi river to stay off the frequencies 3700 KC to 3900 KC from local Sunset to local Sunrise for the period August 6, 1951 to Sept. 7, 1951 (Let's all comply 100% with this request.)
2. The exact QTH of Indpls, Ind. is listed as being Latitude 39 degrees, 48 minutes, 7 seconds north, Longitude is 86 degrees, 9 minutes, 46 seconds west. (This will help settle DX arguments.)
3. The Indiana Radio Club Council's annual ham picnic will be held at the Mounds State Park, Anderson, Ind. Sunday July 15th starting at 11:00 AM, ending at 4:00 PM. If everyone is cordially invited to attend.



4. The FCC specifically forbids communications between United States hams and stations in Indonesia, Japan (except U S Military stations there), Indo-China, Iran, Lebanon, Netherlands Antilles, Thailand. You DX men all have a list of international prefixes at hand- so watch your contacts.

5. The Indianapolis Radio Club Inc. meets at 8:00 PM each Tuesday night at the Service Men's Center on the fourth floor at 111 N. Capitol Avenue. Don't miss it. Don't be missed. (W9JP is now on the air from this new QTH.)

Recent newspaper article states that "An outside faucet that doesn't freeze in the winter is made by the James Knights Company of Sandwich, Illinois. On the faucet is a handle that turns off the valve inside the building". Most of us know this company has for years been grinding quartz crystals for ham and other purposes. Could it be that the crystal business is on the decline because of the great popularity of the VFO in modern design, forcing the James Knights company to direct some of their energies into other fields of endeavor? HI.

Design News, published in Detroit, just gave out pictures and details of the newest version of the famous BC-453-A receiver, used by so many hams as a "Q 5-er" unit. This new improved version has 12 tubes, is contained in 1/5th the size of the unit as we know it. It's a good example of the trend toward miniaturization of electronic units and components. So now we have another good reason for working harder to bring "World War II  $\frac{1}{2}$ " to a quick ending so we can get our hands on some of the latest "surplus" again. HI. See the bulletin board at radio club for pictures and facts on this item as published in "Design News".

What next fellows! One of the local hams saw W9DPL on top of his house at 11:00 AM star gazing.

#### NEW MEMBERS

The following men have been voted into membership in the IRC. We welcome these men into our group.

Robert Goodman, W9FFF 301 W. Kessler Blvd.

Mervin E. Robbins, W9KPJ 5230 Cornelius Ave.

#### FIELD DAY

The following report of field day has been supplied by Louise Wood, W9GRP. (Maybe she can now be persuaded to renew her column "With the 10 meter gang", ? ? )

Field Day was held June 23-24 at the QTH of W9GQX, Pete Curtis, who kindly furnished an ideal setting for holding this event which was sponsored by the club.

Over 700 contacts were made during the 24 hour period using the club's call W9JP.

Transmitters were operated on 75 phone, 80 CW, 40 CW 20 phone, 20 CW, 10 phone, and 6 phone.

Those who usually run low power will be interested to know that over 100 contacts were made on 40 CW running only 7 watts.



The 10 meter band was wide open all the time which greatly helped to run the score up.

Plenty of food was on hand and was cooked and served by the xyl's of W9FYM, W9CZO, W9FZW, W9OVF, W9PMM, W9FKX.

The only casualty incurred was one antenna blown over during the night but some kind soul rushed out during the small storm and righted it.

Everyone was tired and plenty sleepy about 4 PM Sunday but believed that we had done well and now we are all looking forward to see how well a job has been done as compared to the rest of the country.

Next month we hope to have the exact scoring and be able to list the names of each of those who participated in this event and thus helped to make it a success.

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(Ed. note. While ye ed was not an operator in the above event he managed to get out there twice on the Sunday and looked over the set-up and believe me you it was really swell. All manner of rigs, means of housing, and power supplies we noted. Two 1 kilowatt gasoline generators furnished power for a battery of phone stations on 80, 20 and 10. These units were in a truck, a trailer, and a garage. In a back field were the 80, 40 CW and 6 phone stations, these were supplied by the Naval Reserve 5 or 10 kilowatt generator. The CW stations were housed in a stable and a truck and the 6 phone was in a tent.

Our best regards to the gang who put this field day over for the Indianapolis Radio Club Inc. and may it be only the beginning for still more activity for the club. Let's all pledge ourselves to help in the next undertaking of the club. )

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#### FAIR

The club may be called upon to operate or man a set up at the fair for a Civilian Defense display. Be ready with your help.

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#### SERVICEMEN'S CENTER

Schedules are now being set up for weekend operation at the Center. Operators are requested to see Bob Evans for dates and offers of help. CW station is now in operation and the phone station should be on the air soon.

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